



DFIRS NEWS

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Status Report from the Program Manager

The August DFIRS goal of 77% statewide participation rate was exceeded and the new statewide participation rate is **79%**. There are only **four** months remaining for all departments to meet the goal of electronically reporting by the end of 2002.

Number of Departments Not Participating Per County:

- New Castle County = 11 departments
- Kent County = 1 departments
- Sussex County = 1 departments

If your department is one of the remaining **13** departments not participating in the DFIRS program please contact Program Manager, Crystal Beach for assistance.

Program Manager Absence

During September, Program Manager Crystal Beach will be out on maternity leave. Currently departments call the Dover Headquarters or e-mail Crystal with any questions or problems. These procedures do not need to change. The SFMO will be handling all calls and e-mails in order to provide the same level of service departments currently receive.

Coding Questions

A recent question received at SFMO is, "**How do I record a scratch?**"

Answer:

- Scratch runs are not recorded in the incident reporting system. This is the **only** 911 dispatch a department receives that does not need to be entered in the incident reporting system.
- Scratch runs are not recorded in the incident reporting system due to the fact that the number of incidents departments responded to would be overstated in the database. In addition, the whole premise behind incident reporting is recording what a department finds on scene, actions taken, and resources used. With scratch runs none of these events occur.

Cover Assignments & Standby

The SFMO has received numerous calls recently asking

how to record cover assignments and standby incidents. Record cover assignments and standby incidents as follows:

- Record the incident as incident type 571 – cover assignment, assist other fire agency such as standby at a fire station or move-up.
- Indicate aid given and the department FDID number that the cover assignment is being performed for.
- Record property use as code 888 – fire station if cover assignment was performed at the actual station. If cover assignment was performed at another type of location indicate the proper property use.

Important:

While at the station that the cover/standby assignment is being performed for, if an alarm occurs the alarm the department performing the cover/standby responds to belong to the department being covered. Therefore the covered department is responsible for entering the incidents reports for the alarms that happened while the other department was at their station.

Congratulations!

The following departments are active electronic DFIRS participants:

1. Indian River Volunteer Fire Co
2. Lewes Fire Department Inc
3. Bethany Beach Fire Co
4. Little Creek Volunteer Fire Co
5. Elsmere Fire Co #1 Inc
6. Citizen's Hose Co #1 Inc
7. Volunteer Hose Co
8. Dover Robbins Hose Co #1 Inc
9. Cheswold Volunteer Fire Co
10. Carlisle Fire Co Inc
11. Dagsboro Fire Co
12. Frankford Volunteer Fire Co
13. Selbyville Volunteer Fire Co
14. Seaford Volunteer Fire Dept Inc
15. Roxana Volunteer Fire Co
16. Farmington Fire Co
17. Clayton Fire Co #1 Inc

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USFA TO BEGIN SENDING TURNDOWN NOTIFICATIONS

WASHINGTON DC- The United States Fire Administration (USFA) will begin sending electronic notifications to some of the Assistance to Firefighter Grant applicants. This notification will indicate the USFA will not be able to fund the department's FY 2002 grant application. This process will begin on Wednesday, August 7th. Approximately 7500 electronic notifications will be sent over a 7 to 10 day period. Over 19,500 fire departments submitted grant applications this year, requesting \$2.2 billion in funding. The Congress has already provided \$360 million for this year, and there is also the potential for an additional \$150 million in emergency supplemental funding.

"With recent emergency supplemental funding discussions concluded, we have a clearer understanding of the probable number of successful applications." This according to Tom Olshanski, USFA Public Information Coordinator. "We are at a point where we can begin to focus our attention on those departments that, while they certainly have genuine needs, will not be funded this year. We believe it is important for us to ensure that all application decisions, even though some are not welcome decisions, are issued to departments as soon as possible."

A communication from USFA Administrator R. David Paulison will be distributed to these 7500 departments starting Wednesday. It is anticipated, an additional 4000 notifications will be distributed in coming weeks and months. **If you do not receive a notification, it does not mean your grant request will be funded.** The USFA will still need to continue to send out notifications of non-funded applications, after this initial 7500.

The USFA will not be able to provide specific debrief information to applicants. In his notification to departments, Administrator Paulison will discuss aspects of the application process likely to have influenced the decisions for this years funding.

18. Felton Community Fire Co
19. Wilmington Fire Dept
20. Greenwood Volunteer Fire Co
21. Camden-Wyoming Fire Co Inc
22. Magnolia Volunteer Fire Co Inc
23. Bowers Fire Co
24. Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder
25. Laurel Fire Dept Inc
26. Millville Volunteer Fire Co
27. Leipsic Volunteer Fire Co
28. Five Points Fire Co
29. Houston Volunteer Fire Co
30. Rehoboth Beach Vol Fire Co
31. Delmar Fire Dept Inc
32. Georgetown Fire Co Inc
33. Ellendale Volunteer Fire Co
34. Harrington Fire Co Inc
35. Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Co
36. Delaware City Fire Co
37. Odessa Fire Co
38. Milton Fire Dept Inc
39. Blades Volunteer Fire Co
40. Port Penn Volunteer Fire Co
41. Gumboro Volunteer Fire Co
42. Marydel Volunteer Fire Co Inc
43. Hockessin Fire Co
44. Townsend Fire Co
45. Hartly Volunteer Fire Co
- 46. Belvedere Fire Co**
- 47. Memorial Fire Co Inc**
- 48. South Bowers**

Departments in bold indicate participation since last published newsletter.

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